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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Interview with Senator McCarran
regarding the [redacted] case

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1. I met this morning with Senator Pat McCarran, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Committee Counsel J. J. Fourwina, to inform them of the consequences to CIA operations if [redacted] connections with CIA, either as a present or past employee, were to be publicly disclosed. Senator McCarran considered my statement in this connection to be plausible and correct.

2. Senator McCarran and Mr. Fourwina are of the opinion that they have a sound perjury case against [redacted]. They feel that [redacted] suggestions to CIA are "treason." Their feeling is strengthened since questioning [redacted] on 22 June and it is their opinion that their case against [redacted] is even stronger.

3. In seeking to have the Senator make no use of [redacted] as a witness, McCarran states that we are in effect requesting him and his Committee to suppress a possible perjury case involving a "treasonable action." This he feels places an unfair burden on him. It is his opinion that if the Security of our operations is as important as I have indicated to him it is up to CIA to make representations to State to remove [redacted] from his present position and thus guarantee the security of our operations, rather than put the burden on the Committee to suppress possible legal action.

4. Senator McCarran has asked me to convey these views to the Director and states that he will withhold Committee action for a short time pending receipt of some word from us.

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